



Public Health Service
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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RE: Foodborne Diseases Active Surveillance System (FoodNet) Vision Meeting, March 24-26, 2004

Dear Colleague,

In collaboration with the United States Department of Agriculture and the United States Food and Drug Administration, we are pleased to invite you to the 2004 FoodNet Vision Meeting. The primary goal of this meeting is to review overall program accomplishments from previous years and to establish program goals and priorities for the upcoming year. The meeting will also focus on details specific to various projects (e.g., active surveillance, case-control studies) currently being undertaken by the FoodNet group and those projects that are in the planning phase. An integral part of this workshop is to have participation of the regulatory partners and those partners from the FoodNet sites, including the FoodNet Principle Investigator, the FoodNet project coordinator, and the FoodNet surveillance officers. Each group will bring different ideas and perspectives to the meeting.

The FoodNet Vision Meeting will be hosted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Division of Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases, Foodborne and Diarrheal Diseases Branch, FoodNet Unit on March 24-26, 2004. On March 24th, there will be a FoodNet coordinators meeting which will begin at 8:30 am followed by a meeting to discuss surveillance for Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) which will begin at 1:00 pm. The primary Vision Meeting will take place at the Holiday Inn Select, Decatur, Georgia and will begin at 8:30 am on Wednesday, March 25 and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. Friday, March 26. Additional information concerning hotel accommodations, restaurants, and transportation may be found on our website <http://www.cdc.gov/foodnet/>.

If you plan to attend the 2004 FoodNet Vision Meeting, please contact Anyana Banerjee via e-mail at ABanerjee@cdc.gov by **March 5, 2004**. At that time, please provide the following information:

Your name
Your title
Your affiliation

We look forward to seeing you and would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support and collaboration.

Sincerely,

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